

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A brick suitable for use in constructing a mortarless wall, the brick comprising:

- a front surface;
- a rear surface;
- opposing sides having surfaces extending between the front and rear surfaces;
- a top surface extending between the front, rear, and opposing sides, the top surface comprising a first channel; and,
- a bottom surface extending between the front, rear, and opposed side surfaces, the bottom surface in opposing relation to the top surface, the bottom surface comprising a second channel and a projection, with the projection located between the front and rear surfaces, and with the projection configured and arranged to extend from the bottom surface and be received within a channel of an adjacent brick in an interlocking relation.

Claim 2 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the first channel extends substantially along the top surface.

Claim 3 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the second channel extends substantially along the bottom surface.

Claim 4 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the first and second channels are in substantial vertical alignment with each other.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The brick of claim 1, wherein one of the opposing side surfaces comprises a ~~[[a]]~~ third channel, wherein the third channel extends substantially along the one opposing side surface.

Claim 6 (Original): The brick of claim 5, wherein the third channel intersects the first channel.

Claim 7 (Original): The brick of claim 5, wherein the third channel intersects the second channel.

Claim 8 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the projection is in substantial linear alignment with the second channel.

Claim 9 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the projection is in substantial coplanar alignment with the first channel.

Claim 10 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the front and rear surfaces have different textures.

Claim 11 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the front surface has a roughened texture.

Claim 12 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the front surface is generally planar and comprises at least one marginal area, wherein the marginal area is angled with respect to the front surface.

Claim 13 (Original): The brick of claim 11, wherein the marginal area is configured to receive and retain filler.

Claim 14 (Original): The brick of claim 1, wherein the rear surface is generally planar

and comprises at least one marginal area, wherein the marginal area is angled with respect to the front surface.

Claim 15 (Original): The brick of claim 14, wherein the marginal area is configured to receive and retain filler.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A brick suitable for use in constructing a mortarless wall, the brick comprising:

- a front surface;

- a rear surface;

- opposing side surfaces extending between the front and rear surfaces;

- a top surface extending between the front surface, the rear surface, and the opposing side surfaces;

- a bottom surface extending between the front surface, the rear surface, and the opposed side surfaces, the bottom surface in opposing relation to the top surface;

- wherein one of the top, bottom, or opposing side surfaces further comprises a first channel;

- wherein another one of the top, bottom, or opposing side surfaces further comprises a second channel; and,

- wherein one of the top or bottom surfaces further comprises a projection, with the projection located between the front and rear surfaces, and with the projection extending away from the top or bottom surface in a generally perpendicular direction, the projection configured and arranged to be received within a channel of an adjacent block in an interlocking relation.

Claim 17 (Original): The brick of claim 16, wherein the first channel and the second channel are substantially parallel with respect to each other.

Claim 18 (Original): The brick of claim 16, wherein the first channel and the second channel are substantially perpendicular with respect to each other.

Claim 19 (Original): The brick of claim 16, wherein the projection is substantially rectilinear.

Claim 20 (Original): The brick of claim 16, wherein the projection and one of said first and second channels are on one of the top, bottom, or opposing sides.

Claim 21 (Original): The brick of claim 16, wherein the surface having the projection thereon is the bottom surface, and the surfaces having the first and second channels are the top and one of the sides, respectively.

Claim 22 (Original): The brick of claim 16, wherein one of said opposing top, bottom, or sides further comprises a third channel.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A wall system comprising:

- a brick having a front surface;

- a rear surface;

- opposing sides having surfaces extending between the front and rear surfaces;

- a top surface extending between the front, rear, and opposing sides, the top surface comprising a first channel; and,

- a bottom surface extending between the front, rear, and opposed side surfaces, the bottom surface in opposing relation to the top surface, the bottom surface comprising a second channel and a projection, with the projection configured and arranged to extend from the bottom surface and be received within a channel of an adjacent brick in an interlocking relation; and,

- a fastening element, wherein the fastening element is configured and arranged to operatively attach the brick to a pre-existing structure.

Claim 24 (Original): The wall system of claim 23, wherein the fastening element comprises a brick engaging portion and a structure engaging portion.

Claim 25 (Original): The wall system of claim 23, wherein the fastening element prevents forward and rearward movement of a brick relative to a substructure to which it is operatively attached.

Claim 26 (Original): The wall system of claim 23, wherein at least one of the front or rear surfaces comprises at least one marginal area, wherein the marginal area is angled with respect to the front or rear surface.

Claim 27 (Original): The wall system of claim 26, wherein the marginal area is configured to receive and retain filler.

Claim 28 (Original): The wall system of claim 27, further comprising filler.

Claim 29 (Original): The wall system of claim 28, wherein the filler is applied in an uncured state.

Claim 30 (Original): The wall system of claim 28, wherein the filler is a pre-formed strip of material.

Claim 31 (New): The brick of claim 1, wherein the top surface is substantially contiguous.

Claim 31 (New): The brick of claim 1, wherein the bottom surface is substantially contiguous.

Claim 33 (New): The wall system of claim 23, wherein a portion of the fastening element extends rearwardly from the rear surface of the brick.

Claim 34 (New): The wall system of claim 23, wherein a portion of the fastening element is received in one of said first or second channels of the brick.

Claim 35 (New): The wall system of claim 23, wherein the projection is located between the front and rear surfaces of the brick.